

Union Hardware
711 D Street, NW
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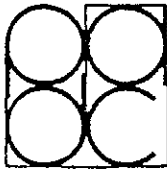
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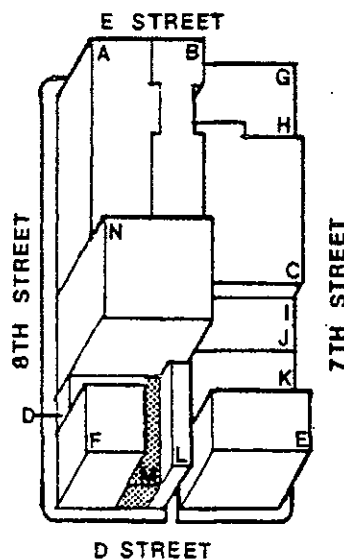
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711 D STREET, N.W.
LOT 3



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Occupying the western portion of lot 3 on Square 431 is the Union Hardware Company building, a modest two-story brick structure situated between the larger "DC Souvenirs" and "Decorator Center" establishments. The building occupies an L-shaped portion of the lot with its single-story eastern section fronting the alley off D Street.

The main facade at 711 D Street carries a modern plate glass storefront. Two angled show windows converge upon a recessed entrance slightly offset to the right. A metal band above them spans the width of the facade. Atop this band is a large aluminum fascia panel which bears the store's name in raised letters. Only above this panel is the facade's yellow brick cladding visible. Its plane is punctuated by two metal hopper windows and crowned by a plain stone coping.

The east elevation of the rear portion is visible from the alley. This one-story portion is faced in red brick and contains a window flanked by two doors.

The first floor of Union Hardware's interior is a high-ceilinged room with plaster walls and modern finishes. An enclosed mezzanine occurs at the rear of north end of the space. An eastern party wall has two openings which communicate to the adjacent building. There is a freight elevator in the northwest corner of the structure. To the east on this wall, an enclosed quarter turn stair leads to the second floor. The second story of the building is an open space used for storage.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Although no original construction permit is available, plat maps verify the building's existence from the turn of the century (Baist, 1903).

According to the present owner, the building was gutted by fire in the 1930s and subsequently rebuilt. There is no building permit to indicate this event. The resulting facade has little character or interest. The overwhelming plainness of the structure is intensified by the larger, more detailed buildings that surround it.



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